Trotsky’s Reply to Gramsci – On Hegemony (1931)
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I. I imagine Communism – finally it is as Marxists argue – this history

Marx – 1871 Paris Commune – take power and withdraw into recall, or that type of tactic and strategy.

Lenin – 1917 seize power. Establish Communism.

Mao Zedong, 1950 – seize power, establish Communism by mass line.

Trotsky – Develop all of this, and remain hegemonic in cultural forms along with permanent revolution – I mean permanent revolution – do not give way to the line.

II. Hegemony – its elements

First I claim that hegemony has the following elements –

Marx – Literature, and newspapers, even pamphlets.

Soviet Union – Books.

China – Failed Party without Books.

Trotskyism – Historical materialism and its practico-materialist determination of style – I mean here we must call it style, this whole thing – that I go on a motorcycle or smoke, or talk.

III. Recent Note – 2024

Trotskyism – is finally about a full theory of hegemony as our prescribed situation – Mass line and even debates, authentic history, and cinema and television and newspapers and wesbites, all seizing Soviet Union by hegemony.

Now I mean, of course, we must keep researching into utopia – I mean imagine a performance of Time and Its Curve – or Soviet theatre, thank god we have a house.